



# Nargis

*An NDDP Alumni*

*"If we want to move forward,  
we must stop dwelling on the past.  
As long as we look back, we won't move ahead."*

## Family background

Nargis hails from Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh. She currently lives with her family in Harkesh Nagar, Delhi. She is a hardworking girl. Her parents work as house hold help. Her younger brother is in 10<sup>th</sup> grade, and her elder brother recently completed his graduation.

## Starting of a new chapter

Despite their dedication, financial difficulties weighed heavily on the family until NDDP became a ray of hope. She vividly recalls the excitement of the first day at the NDDP lab. Watching educational videos opened new opportunities for learning. Whenever she answered a question correctly, the facilitators rewarded her. NDDP went beyond the standard curriculum, it made learning fun through quizzes, vocabulary games, and more.

## The way to transforming life

Uncertainty arrived with the COVID-19 pandemic. It disrupted everything in her life. The school closed, her parents lost their jobs, and the family relied on their savings. When she was in 9th grade, NDDP provided tablets and arranged online classes. They covered device costs and recharges. which helped her continue learning and most importantly, it helped many girls to resume their education.

During a career counseling session with NDDP, Nargis discovered teaching as a career path. She was unsure which age group she should teach, so she asked a facilitator for advice. The facilitator suggested that she should gain experience and find out which is better for her. Nargis began tutoring young children but soon realized that caring for young learners requires endless patience. That experience helped her realize that she should teach the older students which helped her continue learning and most importantly, it helped many girls to resume their education.

With that clarity, she focused on her studies and performed well in class 12<sup>th</sup>. She earned admission to Gautam Buddha University, Noida, where she is pursuing a B.A. (Honors) in Political Science. Scholarships have been organized to support her educational expenses. Financial support provided her confidence and security.

## Emotional Well-being

The mental health sessions have been a life-changing experience for Nargis. Here she learned that it is not possible for us to always control our emotions. We can learn to manage them and prioritize what truly matters. This way we can understand our passions and stay focused on our goals.

## Dream Career

Nargis wishes to become a teacher. She plans to spend around six years completing her education and gaining experience. Then she wants to work in the social sector and give back to her community, while supporting her parents financially. Despite all the struggles of her life, Nargis has propelled herself forward. Her life experiences have made her strong, enabling her to dream big.

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## Making an impact